ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES FISHERY UPDATE



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JUNEAU HERRING UPDATE #9

The department conducted aerial surveys of Seymour Canal, Tenakee Inlet, and Lynn Canal today. Survey conditions were good to fair with clear skies and significant wind from the north. In Seymour Canal, approximately 108 sea lions and 2 whales were observed. The largest concentrations of sea lions were between Dorn Island and Sore Thumb Cove, with the whales just south of Dorn Island. No herring or herring spawn was observed.

In Tenakee Inlet, approximately 60 sea lions were observed. No whales were observed on today's flight. Most of the sea lions were in one large group outside Crab Bay. No herring or herring spawn was observed.

In Lynn Canal, approximately 150 sea lions and 5 whales were observed. The vast amount of sea lions were in large groups just off the Berners flats. Smaller groups of sea lions were seen near Point St. Mary and extending north, while three of the whales were in the Point Bridget area. No herring or herring spawn was observed.

The next aerial survey of the Juneau area is planned for Wednesday, May 1.

2013 Seymour Canal Survey Summary

April 15	No herring activity, 60 sea lions.
April 17	No herring activity, 68 sea lions.
April 19	No herring activity, 63 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 21	No herring activity, 104 sea lions, 2 whales.
April 23	No herring activity, 67 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 25	No herring activity, 54 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 27	No herring activity, 93 sea lions, 6 whales.
April 29	No herring activity, 108 sea lions, 2 whales.

Juneau herring updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below.

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